

# GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION

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## GRREC SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2013

### In Attendance:

#### DISTRICTS -

Adair –	Elizabethtown – Kristin Froedge	Monroe – Jamie Stanford Conkin
Allen – Janet Cooke	Glasgow – Alisha Richardson	Monroe – Linda Hunt
Barren - Cynthia York	Grayson – Monica Heavrin	Ohio – Christy Nofsinger
Bowling Green – Vicki Writsel	Green – Rhonda Simpson	Owensboro – Kim Johnson
Breckinridge – Mike Simpson	Hancock – Aleta Sisk	Russell –
Butler –	Hardin –	Russell – Verlene Rogers
Campbellsville – Joni Davis	Hardin – Rhonda Lockwood	Russellville – Linda Shelton
Caverna – Susan Mathews	Hart – Donna LeFevre	Simpson – Shelia Baugh
Clinton –	LaRue – Camille Turner	Taylor – Traci Sharpe
Cloverport –	Logan –	Todd – Kim Justice
Cumberland – Paulette Andrews	McLean – Sherri Turley	Warren – Vivian Hudson
Daviess – Robin Bush	Meade – Nancy Mitcham	West Point -
Edmonson –	Metcalf – Jamie Moss	

#### PARTNERS –

Campbellsville University –	KSD –
Campbellsville University –	RTC –
KAES – Alex Fitzpatrick	WKU – Wanda Chandler
KSD -	WKU - Gail Kirby
KSB – Wendy Strode-Ross	WKU – J.D. Knotts

#### GRREC SP ED STAFF:

Amanda Abell	Pat Kelley	Deb Myers
Pat Butler	Donna Link	Shea Rogers
Scotlynd Campbell	Kathy Maciel	
Barb DeGraaf	Betsy Madison	

#### GUESTS:

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### Welcome and Introductions

The GRREC Special Education Division met for its monthly meeting on Friday, March 15, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce. Donna Link opened the meeting with a welcome and inspirational video, “A Message from Coach Cal” on how the collection of data and using the data to adjust what you do to meet the needs of all students.

There was a collection for the Social Committee Fund.

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## Updates and Hot Topics

### GAP Closure Presentation

**Shelia Baugh, Simpson County; Kim Johnson, Owensboro Independent; and Kim Justice, Todd County**

Shelia Baugh, Simpson County, Kim Johnson, Owensboro Independent, and Kim Justice, Todd County shared what their districts have been doing for GAP Closure. The PowerPoints and handouts are on the GRREC Special Education Website.

### ASD Model Sites/Problem-Solving Teams

**Deb & Kathy**

Deb & Kathy gave a update on the ASD Cadres and the future for the Cadres. There was a working meeting recently held regarding the vision and the expectations of the ASD Cadres. Not all that attended had the same vision/expectations of the Cadres. KDE's vision of the ASD Cadre was to create a state wide training/technical assistance network of support that would reach every school and district to promote early identification of students with ASD, increase the number of highly qualified personnel to work with those students and to be able to create a sustainable system of ongoing professional development and technical assistance as well as to improve the technical assistance and outcomes for students with ASD.

The GRREC ASD Cadre's vision was just a little different:

- Improving the outcome and services of students with autism.
- Awareness of ASD characteristics and use of the evidence based practices.
- Establish leaders in ASD who had skills and knowledge about the evidence based practices (problem solving, consultation, and coaching).
- Improve technical assistance in our region.

Roadblocks to building capacity in a district –

- Cadre membership changeover
- Administrative support
- Competing priorities
- Communication of role and vision
- Gen Ed buy-in
- Comfort level in addressing evidenced based practices
- Modules organization
- Planning time
- Release time

Those are some of the items in the team meetings that have been discussed and strategizing to solve. They will continue to be discussed and try to try come up with ways to solve.

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The future for ASD:

- Deb is to meet with DoSEs in the districts that have had issues in attending to see what GRREC can do to help their teachers to attend.
- Each district is at a different place and the ASD Cadre plans will be tailored to meet the needs of each district.
- Develop Problem solving teams.
- There will continue to be quarterly Cadre meetings.
- KATC (Ky Autism Training Center) will be more involved. There will be a Field Coordinator assigned. There will be one Coordinator for 2 Coops.
- Another set of training sites – if interested, contact Deb.

SPLASH – was recently approved for next five years. KDE and U of L are wanting to wait another year before continuing, but the low incidence consultants across the state are against that so the group collectively will continue on their own for this year. If a district has a low incidence teacher that wishes to participate contact Deb.

Eligibility – Developmental Delays and Multiple Disabilities

High Incidence – See more often

Low Incidence – Ones not seen very often

Issues: What constitutes communications and what constitutes motor development in those five domains? Motor Development – fine, gross or total motor to qualify. The regs aren't specific. Denise Bailey is to look into this.

Issues: What 2 pairings (disabilities) can go together so the student can be considered multiple disabilities. You can have a primary and secondary but that still doesn't mean multiple. There are two disabilities that are never considered multiple – Speech and Developmental Delays. Make sure your data and programming is doing something exceptionally different for both disabilities separately before labeling "multiple disabilities". If need questions/looking at data/assistance, Deb would be available for consultation.

## **Behavior Plus**

**Kathy Maciel**

Kathy sent out a survey on a needs assessment and the results were:

The need for PASS New Coaches and PASS Advance –

The following trainings have been set up and just are waiting to be added to the website for registration

- July 1, PASS Implementation
- July 2, Behavior Plus, Data Analysis and User Fidelity. May do the Behavior Plus separately.
- July 12, PASS 2 for current users
- June 19/20 SCM Recertification Training
- Kathy is working on Executive Functioning Skills training

Kathy will be using a book called "Boosting Executive Skills in the Classroom – A Practical Guide for Educators by Margaret Foster

A sheet was passed around to find out if current PASS Coach Teams will be continuing next year. If a DoSE has a strong recommendation of current PASS Coach Teams to help out with the new training this year, please let Kathy know.

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## **Due Process Updates**

**Shea Rogers**

Five IEPs with five Psych Reports – Discussion to be held on how those will be rolled out.

New SLD/Dyslexia Workgroup working with KDE – goal is that at the spring CASE meeting, July 9th, a draft copy of the SLD guidelines will be handed out, picked back up and then the team will work with those again.

ARC Training Updates – Hopefully to take place in June so everyone will be ready by July. EILA credit will be given. Also, there are hopes that some sort of makeup opportunity, at least by webinar, in case someone isn't able to make the June training. Email Shea if have suggestions.

Progress Monitoring Training – The workgroup hasn't been formed yet. Shea and Beth have already scheduled a Progress Monitoring Worksession Day for now until the formal KDE Progress Monitoring Training rolls out.

## **PGES**

**Amanda**

- Subcommittee for Teacher PD is working on the SPED Guidance Doc based on the 10 recommendations for SpED Teachers is still in draft form. Keep eyes open for it.
- Live Link Session for teachers for teacher effective training modules that can be accessed through CIITS is now available.

WKU Announcement:

Wanda Chandler announced that on June 5, WKU School of Teacher Education will have a Summer Conference, "Teaching and Learning In Action" and that will include a Make and Take at Gary Ransdell Hall. Since all materials will be provided, there will be a \$10 fee for participation in a makerspace. There will also be free technology workshops during the afternoon session. The cost is \$30 until May 29.

The link is <https://www.wku.edu/ste/conference>

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2013 in Taylor County at Taylor County High School, 9:30 – 2:30 EST, 8:30 – 1:30 CST.

The June meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at the GRREC Training Facility from 8:30 – 2:30 CST.